

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

-- --The resultant transformant was inoculated onto an agar plate (pH 7.0) containing 50 µg/ml of 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-β-galactoside, and cultured at 37°C for 18 hours, followed by fixing about 2,000 colonies formed on the agar plate upon "HYBOND-H+", a nylon film commercialized by Amersham Corp., Div., Amersham International, Arlington Heights, USA. Based on the amino acids sequence of Asp-Tyr-Lys-Glu-Asp-Tyr-Gly-Phe-Ala (SEQ ID NO:7) located at amino acids 5-13 in SEQ ID NO:3, an oligonucleotide with a nucleotide sequence of 5'-GAYTAYAARGARGAYTAYGGNTTYGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:6) was chemically synthesized and labelled with <sup>32</sup>P. The resultant as a probe was hybridized with the colonies of transformants fixed on the nylon film, followed by selecting a transformant which showed a strong hybridization and named "BBF4". --